The Commercial.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1876.

THE Louisville *Ledger* has suspended. It was a rank Bourbon sheet that tried to live off its wits, and failed from lack of capital.

COMMISSIONER DAVENPORT is still successfully investigating CAULFIELD'S committee, and CAULFIELD is still muddily bothering his trickster invention to devise a plan whereby to choke his tormentor off.

REPUBLICAN Iowa is digging deep and building strong. She has 9,225 school houses, 10,872 school teachers and 505,381 children attending school, while of her entire population over sixteen years of age, only one in 108 cannot read.

ONE of the humors of the late New York Democratic State Convention was that of the Chairman of a committee who had "the honor to make a report," asking to be excused from reading the list of names, as he was not familiar with the handwriting!

THERE being no present vacancy on the editorial staff of the *Post*, that paper is compelled to refuse employment to the Washington lunatic who was recently summoned by one of the Democratic investigating committees to swear away the President's good name.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARTTER, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, will not rent out the remnant witness, KILBOURNE, to the custody of the House. The latter, however, will probably conclude to pocket their front and eat their lesk with as good a grace as is possible.

IT IS now the close of April, and we have just got the customs decisions of last month, on account of the inefficiency of the head of the Customs Bureau, who seems determined that no newspaper shall be allowed to publish news regarding customs decisions. Once more we call upon Secretary BRISTOW to rectify this evil, without delay.

THE Montgomery *Advertiser*, the leading Democratic paper in Alabama, prints a long editorial in favor of the repudiation of the State indebtedness, and in the same issue it urgently calls for the Congressional investigations to go on, saying that "a two years session of Congress would not be too long if all these frauds can be uncovered and stamped out!"

THE latest mail advices from England are to the effect that the iron trade of that country is depressed and disorganized almost beyond example in the history of that industry. The dullness at Sheffield in iron and steel is steadily increasing; the Dundee linen trade is getting worse day by day, and the greater portion of the Bradford woolen looms are also idle.

THE next "reform" achievement of the Democrats in Congress promises to be the extinguishment of all lights on the Western rivers. This will inevitably cause great embarrassment and annoyance to a very important interest, but these flathoat statesmen are not to be turned from their economic purpose by any new-fangled nineteenth century considerations.

A NEW company has been just formed with a capital of $40,000, for the publication of the *Christian Union*, the old company having collapsed. The New York *Times* states that the subscription list of the *Christian Union*, of which HENRY WARD BEECHER is editor, has been reduced from one hundred and twenty-five thousand to less than twenty-five thousand within the last year, in consequence of the scandal.

BLACKBURN, the Kentucky guerilla, has fairly earned the distinction of being considered the boss blackguard of the present Congress, and has also greatly endeared himself to the constituency whom he so faithfully represents. The Shelby *Sentinel*, in answer to the inquiry of a correspondent whether there would be a candidate against him in the ensuing Congressional race, replies:

"If we may judge from the expressions of opinion that we have heard in this county we answer the question with an emphatic *no*. Blackburn has, indeed, surpassed the expectations of his warmest friends."

THE Louisville *Courier Journal* has come out with an eight column biography of TILDEN, and a double-leaded editorial strongly urging him for the Democratic Presidential nomination. One of the chapters of the biography begins in this wise:

"Mr. Tilden had become so manifestly the choice of our political deliverance that he was naturally looked to and depended upon to lead the army of reform through the wilderness of trial and temptation which it had to pass before it could reach the Canaan of its destiny."

When TILDEN dictated this sentence to his amanuensis he forgot that he was preparing it for a Kentucky paper.

THE New York *Bulletin* very strongly opposes the scheme of Bonanza JONES to partially repudiate greenbacks by paying in depreciated silver. It thus closes a long and powerful argument against the proposition:

"Special pleading and stretching of facts will avail the Bonanzaists but little. The people understand them. Their motive is so transparent as to throw a great deal of light on their arguments, or the false lead initiated in these intricate questions; and there is a strong feeling growing up in the country that they should be peremptorily stopped at the present stage of their opportunities. Their time will come; but it is not now; so far from it, indeed, that to adopt their cognels when we are in suspension and when public credit is heavily depreciated, would be to throw the whole question of resumption into fatal confusion and involve us in a condition of muddle that might incalculably embarrass the country for many years."

THERE was yesterday launched at Portsmouth, England, the most powerful ironclad vessel ever constructed—the "Inflexible." She is the latest result of the efforts made to prove that a ship may be built strong enough to resist the most powerful guns. The five most powerful ships now in existence are the "Monarch," which has an armor 10 inches thick, and which carries 4 guns of 25 tons each; the "Thunderer," which has 14 inches of armor and 4 guns of 38 tons; "Peter the Great," with 14 inches of armor and 4 guns of 35 tons; the "Redoubtable," with 12 inches of armor and 4 guns of 22 tons; and the "Independenzia," with 12 inches of armor and 6 guns of 35 tons. But the "Inflexible," which is of a larger tonnage than any of these, has an armor 24 inches thick, and carries 4 guns of 81 tons each. She is 320 feet long, 75 feet wide; draws 25 feet of water, and is expected to sail at the rate of 14 knots an hour. No ship has yet been made to carry such immense guns as those of the "Inflexible;" they will discharge projectiles weighing 1,400 pounds, loaded by hydraulic machinery. The whole equipment of the ship is monstrous. It will be a long time yet before the race will be able to look forward with confident hope to the dawning of the millennial time so lustily sung by WHITTIER in the Lexington Centennial Celebration, a year ago:

The bridal time of Law and Love,
The gladness of the world's release,
When war-sick at the feet of Peace,
The lion's shall nestle with the dove.

The golden age of brotherhood,
Unknown to other centuries
Than of the soft humanities
And gracious interchange of good.

THE last annual report of the American Silk Association, just published, shows that the silk manufacturers of this country were more prosperous last year than ever before. Not only has the business acquired a substantial foothold among us, but the products of our own workmen are rapidly superseding those of foreign manufacturers. The total value of our silk product for the year ending December 31, 1875, was $27,158,071. How extensively diversified this industry has become is shown by the variety of goods manufactured, reported by the Secretary of the Association:

VALUE OF PRODUCTS, CLASSIFIED BY ARTICLES.	
	Values.
Tram	$3,071,791
Organzine	1,853,709
Spun silk	350,000
Fringe silk	121,739
Floss silk	34,958
Sewing silk	889,079
Machine twist	5,595,754
Dress goods	1,412,750
Millinery goods, silks	2,544,191
Women's scarfs, silk	164,533
Men's scarfs	35,000
Handkerchiefs	995,115
Foulards	450,000
Ribbons	4,815,185
Laces	161,000
Coach laces	35,522
Veils and veiling	65,284
Silk hose	5,000
Braids and bindings	380,100
Military trimmings	35,000
Upholstery trimmings	450,618
Ladies' dress trimmings	3,397,257
Total products 1875, 1,435,782 lbs	$27,158,071

The quantity of raw silk imported last year to supply these varied manufactures was 1,330,482 pounds, an increase of 58,807 pounds over the importation of the previous year. It is intimated by the New York *Mail* that the exhibition of silk goods, of home make, at the Centennial, will astonish the country, their quantity, quality, design, coloring and finish comparing favorably with any others manufactured.

THE eleventh annual meeting of the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association, held in Boston on Wednesday, was the largest since its organization, numbering 170 out of the total of 200 members, from all parts of New England and the Middle States. Mr. EDWARD ATKINSON delivered an elaborate address, which, although somewhat tinctured with free trade fallacies, contained a number of valuable suggestions regarding our export trade in cotton goods and the means of its promotion. The common assertion that too many spindles and an over-production of cotton cloth made the question of imports so vitally important at this time was, he held, erroneous; since if we gauged our present probable products by periods when this country was in a normal condition and not suffering from remarkable causes of depression, our present product of other goods than print cloths is not even up to its normal standard. The difficulty under which we now suffer is a restricted home consumption, brought about in part by an economy enforced by want of means, but in a much greater degree growing out of a universal spirit of economy pervading all classes, and causing a reduction of consumption on the part of vast numbers of persons who are not enforced thereto, but who imagine there will presently come a time when they can do better than to buy now. By a comparison of the consumption of cotton, number of spindles, product of cloth in yards, population, export and per capita consumption in the years 1830 and 1875, as indicated by the United States census, it appears that the production of cotton fabrics this year, other than printing cloths, consisting of sheeting, shirting-drills and colored goods, is no more, but probably less, than it was in 1859 and 1860, in proportion to the population of the United States. The ratio of spindles to population is now twenty two per head. If we can secure an export of the product of three out of twenty-two spindles, every mill in the country in decent order and condition will be profitably employed, and hereafter we shall absolutely need from 220,000 to 250,000 spindles per year to keep up our ratio. The net product of cloths per head for home consumption in 1875 was 22.59, against 24.16 in 1860. The average population of this year will be more than a million in excess of 1875, and the production of goods, other than print cloths, will be less this year than it was in 1860, relatively to the population. In the matter of exports, the nation with which we shall come into most direct competition is Great Britain, which supplies South and Central America and the West Indies with cotton fabrics equal to one-third of our whole production in the United States. The total export of British cottons, as compared to our export in 1875, was 3,559,900,000 yards, against 50,000,000 yards. Where we export one yard, Great Britian exports over seventy yards. If we can secure an export equal to one fourteenth that of Great Britain, our immediate prosperity as cotton spinners will be assured. If we can supply only one-half the cloth now taken from Great Britain by North and South American States, every spindle that we possess will probably be required. The elements of the cost of cotton fabrics consist of cotton, labor, power and supplies, interest and depreciation, and taxation, all of which were elaborately discussed, the general conclusion being that we have heretofore only failed to take our true position in the export of cotton fabrics from our distrust of our own ability to engage in it; that its development, while it may not be rapid, is perfectly sure, and that we may perhaps be startled ourselves within a few months at the effect which it will exert upon our prosperity. The subject is one of prime importance to the whole country.

ONE of the latest charges against the President is to the effect that he appointed a pension agent in the West who shared his salary with a poor woman who had long been a friend of the GRANTS. Supposing the statement to have been true at its worst—that he preferred a man for the place who would give a share of the salary to a poor widow—how much worse would that have been than to give the place to a man as a reward for partisanship? It was not true, however. The agent was appointed on the recommendation of some thirty prominent citizens of Missouri, including the Congressional delegation, the Republican State Committee, Republican members of the Legislature, and others. The widow's appointment to a clerkship was not known to the President until the latter part of February, when it was called to his attention by an enemy of the agent, whereupon he requested Secretary CHANDLER to investigate it, and, if true, to take such action as he thought best. This was done, and the incumbent was removed. So perishes another baseless scandal.

THE House Appropriations Committee has decided to destroy the fast mail service and to deprive the people of the benefit of the present mail system. Should the proposed reduction be agreed to, its effect will be to cause serious breaks by a general failure to connect at central points. At the Post Office Department it is claimed that it would cause a loss between New York and all the region beyond this city of twelve hours; for all southwest of Cincinnati of thirty-six hours; for all beyond St. Louis and Chicago from twenty four to forty-eight hours, and along the line between Washington and New Orleans of probably thirty-six hours, which many places that now receive daily mails will be given only weekly ones, and others that receive semi-weekly mails will have to be content with monthly ones. "Let knowledge circle with the winds," sang TENNYSON; but these modern Democratic statesmen prefer a different refrain.

THE newly elected Connecticut Legislature will assemble next Wednesday. Its principal business will be the election of a United States Senator. Ex-Governor ENGLISH, who now fills the vacancy caused by the death of Senator FERRY, has the prestige of possession, and is besides, rich. Congressman BARNUM, however, offers to match ducats with him, and, it is said, has concluded, with DEAN RICHMOND, that it is safer to buy members of the Legislature after they are elected, than to buy their election. Having tried the last, two years ago, he left that to Governor ENGLISH this time, and now proposes to show him how the other method works, and it is the general opinion in Democratic circles that he will succeed. There's fun ahead in Democratic politics in the Nutmeg State.

PERSONAL.

W. F. Cody, better known as "Buffalo Bill," recently shot and killed the Sheriff of Young county, Texas. He had not at last accounts been arrested.

William Waich died at Milwaukee on Thursday. He came to this country with Kossuth as his private Secretary, found his way to that city, and settled there, obtaining a precarious living painting window shades and teaching drawing.

Mr. E. Bishop, of Boonton, N. J., has the commission issued by Congress, dated October 10, 1776, appointing John Paul Jones a captain in the United States Navy. It is signed by John Hancock, President, and is remarkably well preserved.

The latest marriage in European high life was the union, at Lyons, France, of the Baron Albert de Bernabes and Mlle. Felicite Roversant. The bride in this marriage is celebrated throughout Europe as Hanlon of Lyons, or the Champion Fat Woman of the World, while the groom is more other than the Living Skeleton.

A valuable relic of the revolution lately came into the possession of the State of Vermont by the gift of Hon. B. H. Hall, of Troy. It is the original record of the inquisition held March 15, 1775, on the body of William French, the "proto-martyr" of American liberty—the Vermonter whom "King George the III. his Tory crew" did to death when "Tha with a bawl his head That threw."

The sinking of the grave of Captain Jack, the Modoc warrior, who was hanged and buried near Fort Klamath, Oregon, in 1873, created much speculation in that neighborhood last summer, and to set all doubts at rest, the grave was opened a few days ago and nothing but an empty pine box was found. It is believed that the bodies of Captain Jack and of the other Indians hanged with him were brought east and embalmed, and that they will soon be found in the possession of a showman.

During the first performance of "Queen Mary" in London, last Saturday, an incident occurrred, which, touching upon the recently legislated title of the Queen, may be regarded as a significant expression of public opinion. When, to *Renard's* speech: Good madam, when the Roman wish'd to reign, He slew not him alone who wore the purple, A child more innocent than Lady Jane:

Mary replies:

I am English Queen, not Roman Emperor:
It caught the ear of the audience and brought down the house.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

Democrats execrate their own witness, Davenport.

An oil pipe from the petroleum fields direct to New York city is talked of.

Seth Green, the fish culturist, has been appointed one of the Centennial judges.

No Western State, it is said, will equal the display of Kansas at the Centennial.

General Hancock has been invited to take command of the Centennial Legion at Philadelphia.

The iron prow of the old steamer New Jersey, the first and smallest steamer that ever crossed the Atlantic, will be exhibited at the Centennial.

This is the centennial year of the mule, and Bristow's enemies are determined to make their heels felt.

"Jones on his Metal" is the sarcastic heading of an article on the recent speech of the Nevada Senator.

It appears that Chinese vices obtain impunity in San Francisco by stated contributions to police officials.

The Oregon salmon have commenced to run in vast numbers, and the fisheries are "up to their eyes" in work.

The indications are that Texas will present a grain crop this year the like of which has never been equaled.

"Bristow ought to know how to steer the ship of State," remarks the Boston *Transcript*; "his mother was a Helm."

A Massachusetts paper company has just turned out some mammoth sheets, measuring six by eighteen feet each.

Shakespeare's estate, "New Place," at Stratford on-Avon, has been formally transferred to the corporation of that town.

The New York Park Department contemplates the use of kerosene for lighting purposes instead of the present gas system.

The medal presented by the Emperor of Hayti to Charles Sumner, and by him presented to the State of Massachusetts, is lost.

Strange that those journals which most regret the degeneracy of the times are the very ones which try hardest to pull people down.

In Mexico, too, the silver question is vexatious, and is causing an advance of twenty-five per cent. in the prices of many articles.

According to the latest crop report, embracing returns from seventeen States, Michigan makes the best show for wheat and fruits.

Professor Whitney has just discovered that man existed in the glacial period, which expired about 80,000 years ago. We shiver to think of it.

A Congress of the leather, shoe, and hide dealers and all workers in leather of the world will be held in Philadelphia on the second Tuesday of July.

The greatest freshets ever known in Wisconsin are taking place. Many men have been drowned, and booms and dams have been carried off by the score.

Just now, on the eve of an exciting Presidential campaign, the sagacious New York *Commercial Advertiser* thinks it might be well to amend the tariff on cow hides.

The smaller cities of Illinois are experimenting on the liquor question, and most of them agree that a stringent license law results in the greatest repression of the traffic.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has addressed a circular to distillers, rectifiers and liquor dealers, inviting them to co-operate with him in detecting frauds on his department.

The shipments from the oil regions during the past quarter have averaged about 20,000 barrels per day, an increase of about fifty per cent. over shipments during the same period last year.

And now the engineer of the House has been placed under investigation. This makes eight Democratic clerks and officers whose conduct has been the subject of official inquiry since the session began.

Springfield, Mass., has a great dog show in full blast. The list of those embarked as exhibitors includes every dog breeder of prominence in the eastern part of the country. The New York *Herald* is represented of course.

STATE NEWS.

The Episcopalians of Sunbury contemplate building a new church.

Mrs. Behmer, an aged lady, died suddenly at Seigersville, Lehigh county, on the 23d inst.

Jacob Reichard fell dead at Bethlehem on Sunday morning, after eating heartily at breakfast.

The sweet girl graduates of the Little Washington High School will appear at commencement in calico dresses. Sensible girls.

Montour county wants a new prison. The present one is a miserable tumble down affair, scarcely strong enough to hold a cockroach.

Three hundred and thirty-four persons died in Philadelphia last week, 108 of whom fell victims to diseases of the throat and lungs.

Hon. C. W. Gilfillan won the hunter's cup, the first prize, at a shooting match of the Franklin Club last week, scoring thirty-nine.

The Meadville Philharmonic Society are rehearsing the opers of the Bohemian Girl, which will be given on the evenings of May 24th, 25th and 26th.

A fashion journal says "waists are to be longer this year;" but as long as they are not broader, young men with short arms will manage to get around them.—*Norristown Herald.*

Hon. Daniel Dougherty has been retained to take part in the defense of the alleged Yost murderers, who are to be tried in the second week of the May sessions of the Criminal Court of Schuylkill county.

A Harrisburg man who boasted he'd never seen the horse that could throw him, was landed in a druggist's show window about five minutes afterward, amid a chorus of "There's alight in the window for you."

A Berks county girl of nineteen, pretty as a picture, and well educated, rises at four o'clock, milks ten cows, feeds the pigs, gets breakfast, and then goes to the field to finish her day's work, harrowing as well as any man can do it.

The Philadelphia paper state that there is great complaint among the Masons of the country against the high rates of railway fare. Several commanderies of Knights Templar in Ohio, Michigan and other Western States, which had intended participating in the grand parade of June 1st, have declined positively to attend unless the railway rates are reduced.

The Allentown *Chronicle* says: A long standing feud between two young students of Bethlehem resulted in a duel yesterday morning. The weapons were swords and the meeting took place in the driving park at Rittersville at about five A. M. Before any blood was shed, however, a special officer appeared, causing the principals and seconds to decamp. The names of the parties could not be ascertained. No arrests. Who says the days of chivalry are over?

There appeared last week in the obituary columns of the Philadelphia *Ledger* notices of the deaths of seventeen persons—six men and eleven women—who had lived to or beyond the advanced age of eighty years, to wit: John McCaul, 80; Susan Blackwood, 81; John M. Justice, 81; Robert Pattison, 82; Mary Stiles, 82; Mary McCormack, 83; Mr. A. P. Knapp, 83; Silas Yerkes, 83; JOHANNA Desmond, 86; John S. Blackburn, 86; Mrs. S. P. Buchanan, 87; Rebecca McFarland, 88; Marie E. Rosset, 91; Sarah Moore, 93; Sarah Wilkins, 94; Mary Lamont, 97, and Annie Fareira, 101.

Edward Posey, aged seventy-five years, a respected citizen of North Coventry township, Chester county, residing with his daughter, Mrs. Sophia Spiece, rose from his bed near midnight last Sunday, went to the barn, and cut his throat seven times with a razor, severing some small veins, and cutting half through his windpipe. He fell from loss of blood, but rose and staggered to the house, and next morning at half past five was found in bed, alive, but exhausted and half insensible. His attendig physician Dr. J. Davis, of Pottstown, thinks he will recover. When asked the reason for the act, Mr. Posey said he "had lost the favor of God, and yielded through temptation." He is now anxious to live. He is a pious church member and much esteemed, but had been mentally depressed for several days.

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One wineglass containing the nutriment of one-half pound of Fresh Beef. This is the only Extract ready for use with all the benefits of the solid Extract without its nauseating effects.
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Pure Sherry Wine and Beef.
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Spring Dress Goods.
SUBSTANTIAL BARGAINS.
At 8c, beautiful Spring Plaids, usually 12½c.
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At 15c, extra fine light and dark figured Lawns.
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At 25c, extra value in Plaid Spring Dehezes.
At 37½c, all-wool Plain Centennial Suitings.
At 35 and 40c, fine Pongee Mohairs.
At 45 and 50c, fine Plain and Plaid Silk Pongees.
At 50c, select assortment new Spring Goods.
At 18¾ to 50c, best possible value in Black Alpacas.
At 62½c to $1, very fine pure Mohairs.
At 37½c, fine all-wool black Twilled Serges.
At 8, 10 and 12½c, fine black Grenadines.
At 15, 25 and 31c, extra quality in Black Hernaani.
At 37½c and upward, bargains in Black Hernaani.
A very fine and complete assortment in all the newest shades and Black, Plain, Plaid and striped
GRENADINES & BALZARINES,
at very low prices. Fine wool Nets and Crepe De Chene. We have just opened a large line of Colored and
BLACK CASHMERES,
in choicest shades, at special low prices. An usual our
SILK DEPARTMENT
is complete in Black and Colored and latest novelties in Fancy and Mourning Silks, at our usual lowest prices.
165, 167 and 169
FEDERAL STREET, ALLEGHENY.

REMOVAL.
REMOVAL.
THE GREAT
Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.
Have removed from 36 Fifth avenue to their new store,
34 FIFTH AVENUE.
TEAS RETAILED AT IMPORTERS' PRICES.
WARRANTED STRICTLY PURE,
And satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded in all cases.

	Per lb.		Per lb.
Oolong	good	50c	best 90c
Mixed	good	50c	best 90c
English Breakfast	good	50c	best $1 00
Young Hyson	good	50c	best 1 15
Imperial	good	70c	best 1 15
Gunpowder	good	$1 00	best 1 50
Japan	good	50c	best 1 00
Thea-Nectar, (suits all tastes,)			80c

The best Coffee in the Market retailed at wholesale prices and warranted to give satisfaction.
A Fine Chromo Picture Given Away.
Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.,
34 FIFTH AVENUE,
PITTSBURGH.
REMOVAL!
We take pleasure in informing our patrons that we have removed to our NEW WAREHOUSE,
NO. 125 LIBERTY STREET,
Two doors below our old location. We have in stock a full assortment of
LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEEDS,
Of the crop of 1875, and will fill large or small orders on our usual favorable terms. Our stock of
Farming and Garden Implements
Cannot be surpassed, and we offer them at prices as low as they can be furnished by any other house offering reliable articles. Call and examine the above we have added
FARM AND SPRING WAGONS,
And feel confident we can supply what has long been needed, viz: A FIRST CLASS FARM WAGON, at prices to suit the times. Thanking our customers for their liberal patronage in the past, we hope to merit the same in our new location.
S. SAMUEL HARE & SON.
REMOVAL.
ABDIEL McCLURE & CO.,
Brown Manufacturers & Paper Dealers,
Having been burned out at their old establishment, No. 362 Penn avenue, have removed to
NO. 309 LIBERTY STREET,
Where they will be pleased to meet their friends and customers.
REMOVAL.
CAYWOOD & LEWIS,
General Produce Commission Merchants,
Have removed to NO. 335 LIBERTY STREET, Pittsburgh, Pa. Agents for TWIN BROS. YEAST.
REMOVAL.
NIEMANN & AHLERS,
Merchant Tailors,
And Dealers in Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods,
Have removed to No. 101 SMITHFIELD STREET, third door from Fifth avenue, Howard Block.
DISSOLUTION.
Dissolution.
The copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned and Thomas Hyde, under the name of E. HYDE'S SONS, was dissolved on the first day of March, 1876. Thomas Hyde will settle the business of said firm will be settled by the other members. The business will be continued as heretofore by the remaining partners.
G. HYDE.
E. HYDE.
W. S. HYDE.
Allegheny City, April 26, 1876.
Dissolution.
The copartnership heretofore existing under the firm name of MITCHELL, STEVENSON & CO., is dissolved by mutual consent, Thomas S. Mitchell retiring, dissolution dating from 4th inst. The business will be continued by the remaining partners, MRS. MARY MITCHELL, WILLIAM STEVENSON, JAMES H. MITCHELL.
DISSOLUTION.
The copartnership heretofore existing under the firm of Mansfield & Co., was dissolved on the 24 day of April, 1876, by the death of John M. Lloyd. The business will be continued at the old stand, No. 18 Second avenue, by Richard Mansfield and John B. Bissonnette, under the name of MANSFIELD & CO.
Pittsburgh, April 3, 1876.
DISSOLUTION.
The firm of WILLIAM HODGSON & CO., engaged in the Coal and Mercantile business, on the Monongahela river, is by mutual consent dissolved. Settlement of all claims against the firm are to be made with William Hodgson alone. Also, the steamer J. S. Mercer accounts.
WILLIAM HODGSON.
WILLIAM G. PEPPARD.
Pittsburgh, April 7, 1876.
LEGAL.
ESTATE OF DOROTHEA CHESS, DECEASED.—NOTICE.—Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of Dorothea Chess, late of the city of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against said estate will present them duly proven to
WALTER CHESS, Administrator,
112 Water street.
WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.
Pittsburgh, April 19, 1876.
The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of CHRISTIAN FRANZ, in the County of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, within said District, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said District.
JOSIAH COHEN, Assignee.
ESTATE OF DAVID CHESS, DECEASED.—NOTICE.—Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of David Chess, late of the city of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against said estate will present them duly proven to
WALTER CHESS,
G. R. LAUMAN, Administrators,
112 Water street.
HOTELS.
UNITED STATES HOTEL,
Forty-Second Street
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This Elegant Fire Proof Hotel is now open for the reception of guests. It contains 325 rooms replete with all the modern improvements. Visitors to Philadelphia will nowhere meet with better accommodations or more reasonable rates.
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JUST PUBLISHED—A splendid new novel by Mrs. MARY J. HOLMES, whose other works are read all over the world with delightful interest—such as "Tempest and sunshine," "Lena Rivers," "Edna Browning," "West Lawne," etc. Price $1 50.
RECORD OF THE YEAR
JUST READY—The second number (May) of this wonderfully popular monthly magazine and diary of important facts and current miscellany. A capital number, full of the choicest reading matter, and a super

FINANCE AND TRADE.

(By Associated Press.)
Gold Closed at 112¾.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Money active at 4@5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@6 per cent. Customs receipts $193,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $864,000. Clearings $70,000,000. Sterling firm at 487½@489¼.

GOLD.

Gold closed at 112¾, after selling at 112¾@112¾. Carrying rates 1 to 4 per cent. Loans also made flat.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Government bonds steady. Railroad bonds dull. State securities quiet. Stocks generally heavy and lower under reports of a reduction in railroad passenger fares to the West. The probability of a long telegraph war and that the Executive Committee will command a foreclosure in Erie, the price of which had a sharp decline in London and here, and a break in the prices of Bonanza shares at San Francisco, had considerable effect on the market. The strong stocks were Pacific Mail, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and New Jersey Central. Among the sales at the Stock Exchange were 16,000 shares of Pacific Mail, 26,000 Western Union, 5,500 Northwestern common, 9,000 St. Paul, 38,000 Erie, 36,000 Lake Shore and 4,000 Michigan Southern. The following were the closing quotations:

STOCKS.

W. U. Telegraph	55	Rock Island	103¾
Pacific Mail	29¼	St. Paul	37¾
Quicksilver	15	Do. preferred	63½
Do. preferred	20	Toledo & Wabash	9½
Mariposa	7	Do. preferred	18
Do. preferred	7¼	Ft. Wayne	102
Adams Express	108	Terre Haute	3¼
Wells-Fargo Ex	80	Do. preferred	15
American Ex	61½	Chicago & Alton	97
U. S. Express	50	Do. preferred	115
New York Central	112¾	Ohio & Mississippi	15¼
Erie	14	Delaware & Lack	119½
Do. preferred	28	Atlantic & P. Tel	8¾
Harlem	130½	Missouri Pacific	13¾
Do. preferred	133	Atlantic & P. pref	3
Mich. Central	91½	Indiana Cen.	4½
Panama	128	Hannibal & St. Joe	17¾
Lake Shore	95½	Hannibal & Q	127
Illinois Central	96	Union Pacific stock	64¼
Cleveland & Pitts	94½	Central Pac. bonds	109¾
Northwestern	38¾	Union Pac. bonds	104¾
Do. preferred	54½	Do land grants	100
C. C. C. & I.	90	Do sink. fund	91¾
N. J. Central	98¼		

GOVERNMENTS.

U. S. coupons, 1881	123½	New 6's	117¾
U. S. 1881	119¾	10-40's, registered	110¾
5-20's, 1865, new	119	10-40's, coupons	110¾
5-20's, 1865, old	119¾	Currency 6's	126½
5-20's, 1867	121¾		
5-20's, 1868	122¼		

STATE BONDS.

Missouri 6's	104	Tennessee, old	42¾
Virginia, new	32½	Tennessee, new	40¾
Virginia, old	33		

LONDON, April 28, 5 P. M.—There were two fortnights at the Stock Exchange this month, at Bank-holiday, yesterday, and one here to-day, in connection with settlement. All small settlement transactions were suspended on account of the failure, thought for a considerable amount, is just reported. Consols 92¹⁵⁄₁₆ for money and 93 for account. U. S. 5-20's of '67, 10-40's, 104¾; new 5's, 106¾. Railroad securities—New York Central 101; Erie 14; do preferred 21.

PARIS, April 28.—Rentes 106 francs 25 centimes.

FRANKFORT, April 28.—United States bonds—5-20's of '62, ——.

NEW ORLEANS, April 28.—Gold 113½. Sight ¼ per cent. premium. Sterling—Bank 550.

GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, FRIDAY, April 28, 1876.

A fair trade, considering extraneous circumstances, was enjoyed by the leading lines of business to-day. No especial features of interest were noted, except a continued activity in corn under liberal supplies. The quotations in groceries and provisions being wholly unchanged, and having been fully given in our Saturday issue, we omit in this issue in order to economize space.

The receipts of the leading articles of produce, in this issue, since our last are as follows:

Flour, bbls	1,052	Cheese, lbs	40
Corn, bus	3,000	Hides, pieces	200
Wheat, bus	1,800	Bacon, pcs	5,250
Barley bus	450	Bacon, tcs	20
Oats, bus	2,500	Hay, bales	407
Potatoes, bus	1,057		

The quotations given in the following reports are prices realized in wholesale transactions, unless otherwise quoted. In small sales, dealers will charge an advance. Prices of grain, unless stated to the contrary, are free in elevator.

Breadstuffs and Produce.

BUTTER—The market continues steady in prime grades but easy in the lower qualities. The range of prices is materially unaltered, the stock being somewhat on the increase in all except choice grades. We quote as follows: Choice roll in cheese boxes 20@22c; prime to good 15@20c; fair 10@12c; common 15@16c.

CHEESE—Is moderately active with an improving trade. Quotations are firmly maintained at former rates. We quote New York sockeyes 13½@13¾c; prime Ohio factory old 13½@13¾c; new Ohio factory 11@12c; to quality.

EGGS—Continued dull and depressed with quotations at at 14@15c per dozen for strictly fresh.

FLOUR—Is active and prices are generally steady. The rates current are as follows for the wholesale trade of our local millers: No. 1 white wheat flour $7 75 ₱ bbl; No. 1 amber do $7 50; red wheat flour $6 75@7 00; sacks 25c off ₱ bbl. The jobbing brands of the leading dealers for standard brands of flours are steady, as follows: Choice brands of winter wheat flour $7 00@7 25; white wheat $7 50@7 75; Minnesota in quality $6 50@6 75; Minnesota $6 50@6 75; fancy St. Louis $8 25@8 50; choice patents $8 50@9 00; red winter wheat flour $6 50@6 75; white $6 00@6 25; Graham flour $6 75@7 00; cornmeal 75c ₱ bushel; oatmeal $5 75 ₱ bbl; kegs $5 00. Rye flour $5 00 ₱ bbl.

GRAIN—The principal point of interest in the grain trade to-day was the weakness in corn, other staples being unchanged. Wheat wasteady. We quote choice Michigan white wheat at 96@97c. Pennsylvania and Ohio red winter $1 34@1 36; Northwestern red $1 30@1 40; low grades are dull and unsolicited at $1 12@1 22; rejected 60@66c; No. 2 Chicago spring $1 24@1 25; No. 3 do $1 15@1 20. Corn was again weak and a number of cars of shelled were reported sold at 60c with an occasional transaction at 62c higher. We quote shelled at 60@61c for yellow; 59@59c for high-mixed; 58@59c for low-mixed. We quote ear at 55@57c for prime ye low; 53@54c for mixed. Oats were firm at former quotations. We quote Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio at 39@40c; prime white 42@43c. Barley was easy. Sales at Richmond, Canada, Is held at $1 16@1 20 ₱ bushel; choice spring at $1 00@1 16; common to prime 75@90c. Rye is quiet and easy at 80@82c ₱ bushel. Jobbing rates of grain rule 2@3c above quotations.

POTATOES—The market was still overabundantly supplied and recents continued liberal. We quote round lots on track at 75@80c ₱ bushel for prime peachblows; 75@80c for flat lots. Sales from store are steady at 80@85c for peachblows; 75@80c for Peerless. Jersey sweets rule at $5 50@4 00, with a good demand for prime sound.

Petroleum.

April 28.—The wide and rapid fluctuations of the crude petroleum speculation continued to-day, there being a variation of 12½c between the extremes of the day, closing at a slight advance on the opening prices. Refined was firm in sympathy with improved Eastern markets.

CRUDE—The market opened with a weak feeling at the following: United and Conduit $1 81; bid; $1 80½ asked. From this point it declined rather rapidly to $1 76½, at which point some strong buying came in and caused a feeling in the afternoon a stronger feeling prevailed. For a short while the market was steady at $1 80@1 82½ and then worked up to $1 87½. It then receded 2½c, at which price it closed. Union sold at $1 80@1 82½ and Empire at $1. Shipment nominal at $2 05 with nothing doing.

IT PINES. The close was a firm feeling at the opening of the day's business, and advance on receipt of the news that the crude market had gone off materially, and a strengthening with the advance in crude. Eastern advices are much more favorable. New York having advanced about ½c, and a better demand being much improved. We quote standard white at 10½@10¾c for immediate and thousand lots; 10¾@10¾c on board at works; 11@11½c in cases. New York delivery rules at 13½@14½c for shipment and immediate. Philadelphia is quoted at 12½c for spot and April. Baltimore rules at 12½c for prompt and the month.

NAPHTHA—Unchanged. [Reporter.]

NEW YORK, April 28, closing 27.—There is an advance of fully ½c on refined and the market has a good tone. Considerable export demand. The advices from the creek are of a decidedly more favorable character. Sales of 20,000 barrels refined reported at 13½c; 500 barrels crude in bulk, New York delivery, at 9¼c; 2,000 barrels refined at Baltimore at 13½c, and 4,000 barrels refined in Philadelphia at 13½c. Crude in bulk is quoted at 9¼c, and 11c for shipping order; refined 14c; cases 18@19c. At Baltimore refined rules at 13½@14c bid; at Philadelphia 13½c.

PHILADELPHIA, April 28.—Market irregular: United 1 90 bid; 1 91¼ asked; Union $1 72½ bid; shipment $1 85 bid; $2 60 asked.

PITTSBURG, April 28.—Market opened nominally at $2 00@2 10.

TITUSVILLE, April 28.—Market excited; sales at $2 00; held higher now.

ROUSEVILLE, April 28.—Market quiet at $1 85.

OIL CITY, April 28.—Market so excited and carrying that it is impossible to quote. Sales have run it for fifteen minutes and the bears the next. Transactions are very large and prices range from $1 79@1 95 for United. There are several failures; nothing doing in shipments.

PHILADELPHIA, April 28.—Market quiet; standard white 13½c; crude 7½c; cases 18c.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 28.—Petroleum firm; crude 8½c; refined 16c; cases 17½@21c; naptha nominal.

PHILADELPHIA, April 28.—Petroleum steady; crude in bonds 10½c; refined 13½c.

LIVERPOOL, April 28.—Refined petroleum 11½@11¾d; spirits do 8@8½d.

LONDON, April 28.—Refined petroleum 10½@10¾d.

ANTWERP, April 28.—Refined petroleum 28 francs.

CLEVELAND, April 28.—Petroleum firmer; standard white, 11½ degrees test, 10½c; prime white, 12½ test, 11c.

MOVEMENTS OF PETROLEUM.

Crude receipts—A. V. R. R., bbls	1,844		
Refined shipments—A. V. R. R., bbls	3,987		

Drugs and Chemicals.

DRUGS—The jobbing trade in drugs has continued steady since our last report, with few alterations of importance to note. The following revised list of quotations is furnished by Harris & Ewing, wholesale druggists, Liberty street:

Acid.			
Acetic	12 @	18	
Sulphuric	1 60	1 08	
Oxalic	17 @	20	
Sulphuric	2¾@	3	
Tartaric	50 @	60	
Alcohol, gal	2 25 @	2 50	
Aloes.			
Cape	18 @	20	
Socot	60 @	75	
Ash Cathartic	25 @	30	
Aqua	8 @	12	
Ammonia	50 @	60	
Ashes.			
Soda	@	5	
Bal Copaiba	90 @	95	
Bayrum, gal	75 @	4 00	
Bark.			
Cassia	20 @	25	
Cinchona	20 @	25	
Pale, b	70 @	80	
Yellow	60 @	70	
Elm, ground	20 @	25	
Quina's	35 @	40	
Red	30 @	34	
Slippery Elm	75 @	80	
Soap	@	60	
Sassafras, b	75 @	80	
Wahoo	30 @	35	
Wild Cherry	30 @	35	
Wintergreen	60 @	65	
Wild Ginger	40 @	45	
Quina, red	25 @	30	
Quina, pale	30 @	35	
Quina, Calisaya	40 @	45	
Quina, Peruvian	30 @	35	
Quina, Carthagena	25 @	30	
Quina, Huanuco	25 @	30	
Quina, Loxa	25 @	30	
Quina, Pitaya	25 @	30	
Quina, Rubra	25 @	30	
Quina, Saltillo	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, ½ oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, ¼ oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, ⅛ oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-16 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-32 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-64 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-128 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-256 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-512 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-1024 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-2048 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-4096 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-8192 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-16384 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-32768 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-65536 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-131072 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-262144 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-524288 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-1048576 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-2097152 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-4194304 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-8388608 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-16777216 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-33554432 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-67108864 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-134217728 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-268435456 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-536870912 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-1073741824 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-2147483648 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-4294967296 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-8589934592 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-17179869184 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-34359738368 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-68719476736 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-137438953472 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-274877906944 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-549755813888 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-1099511627776 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-2199023255552 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-4398046511104 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-8796093022208 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-17592186044416 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-35184372088832 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-70368744177664 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-140737488355328 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-281474976710656 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-562949953421312 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-1125899906842624 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-2251799813685248 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-4503599627370496 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-9007199254740992 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-18014398509481984 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-36028797018963968 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-72057594037927936 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-144115188075855872 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-288230376151711744 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-576460752303423488 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-1152921504606846976 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-2305843009213693952 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-4611686018427387904 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-9223372036854775808 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-18446744073709551616 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-36893488147419103232 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-73786976294838206464 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-147573952589676412928 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-295147905179352825856 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-590295810358705651712 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-1180591620717411303424 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-2361183241434822606848 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-4722366482869645213696 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-9444732965739290427392 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-18889465931478580854784 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-37778931862957161709568 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-75557863725914323419136 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-151115727451828646838272 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-302231454903657293676544 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-604462909807314587353088 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-1208925819614629174706176 oz	25 @	30	
Quina, Sanford's, 1-2417851639229258349412352 oz	25 @	30	
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CITY MATTERS.

For eighty-five cents per month the DAILY COMMERCIAL will be mailed to travelers or to subscribers who are temporarily absent from Pittsburgh. The address of the paper will be changed as often as is desired.

Our Removal.

Patrons and friends of the COMMERCIAL will please remember that we have removed to No. 76 Fifth avenue, Carr's Iron Block, where all will be welcomed.

Local Observations.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, U. S. SIG. SERV., Room 23, First National Bank, PITTSBURGH, PA., April 28, 1876.

Time.	Bar.	Th'r.	Hum	Dir.	Force.	Weath.
			W.ND.			
7 A. M..	29 666	62	57	S. W.	Fresh..	Cloudy
2 P. M..	29 675	63	78	N.W.	Fresh..	Fair.
9 P. M..	29 789	54	54	N. E.	Fresh..	Clear.

Mean barometer....29 229 Highest thermom....65
Mean thermom.....58.3 Lowest thermom.....51
Rainfall.....55

Gas In Boyd's Hill.

Yesterday gas was discovered in the well being bored by Messrs. Lloyd & Son at the west end of Boyd's hill, near Second avenue and Try street. Citizens in the neighborhood were astonished when the flame was applied to see a large flame shoot up. The gas burned all afternoon, and it is thought that the vein struck is one that will hold out.

Small Fire.

Shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon the firemen were called to box 2, occasioned by the burning of a lot of shavings in a yard attached to a house belonging to Hugh M. Bole, at Penn and First streets. No loss.

The alarm from box 157, between seven and eight o'clock, was caused by the burning of soot in a chimney in a house in Sankey's row on Sarah street.

Brakeman Killed.

About six o'clock last evening George Carson, aged twenty-four years, a yard brakeman on the West Pennsylvania Railroad, was run over by a car and shifting engine at the crossing at Anderson street, Allegheny, and so fearfully killed. He was a sting to make up a train, and fell from the platform of a car onto the track. The coroner was notified, and deputised Alderman Larkin, who held an inquest. Accidental death was the verdict.

Home from the Black Hills.

Mr. Wm. Germon, of McKeesport, who left home for the Black Hills on the 15th of March, returned yesterday. He arrived out on the 5th, and started home on the 17th inst. He reports having met over four hundred men on their way to the alleged gold regions, including Captain Russell, of SIXTY-five notoriety from this city and vicinity. Mr. Germon is evidently not favorably impressed with the Black Hills and does not advise people to go there.

Burglary at Freedom, Pa

A number of burglaries have been perpetrated recently at Freedom, Beaver county. Wednesday night the houses of John Kress, R. H. McCaskey, Dr. J. R. Lockhart, Samuel Gibbon and J. McDonald were entered and ransacked, the thieves carrying away from the residence of Mr. Kress a silver watch and $20 in cash. The Bank Block store was also burglarized to the extent of about thirty or forty dollars in boots, shoes and leather.

When a Man Secures a Life Insurance Policy

in a company of palpable permanent strength, he makes a sure provision for his loved ones. The United States, of New York, is precisely such a company, and now has a General Agency in Pittsburgh at 96 Fifth avenue, under the management of J. Palmer O'Neil who is ready to negotiate with active men of ability for Local Agencies. sw.

Thanks.

Gildenfenney & Co., No. 69 Fifth avenue, are entitled to thanks for a package of the choicest current literature. These enterprising dealers in confectioners contain the freshest and best of this kind of matter. They have just received a full stock of base ball goods of all kinds, such as hats, etc., of every grade, to which they ask the attention of all lovers of the national game. They sell cheap and act liberal with their line at the most reasonable terms. s The club who need out-fits will find it profitable to deal with them.

A Wife Complains.

A young and handsome woman appeared before Alderman Burke, a few days ago, and made an information charging her husband, a young physician in Allegheny with desertion. She alleges that she was married to defendant about three years ago; that they lived together nearly two years, when the defendant went on a journey to the West, stating at the time of his departure that he would be back in six weeks; that he remained away about a year, and about three months ago, he returned to Allegheny and opened an office for the purpose of practicing medicine. During his absence he failed to contribute any money for the support of his wife, and since his return he has refused to live with or support her. The defendant was arrested yesterday and, waiving a hearing, entered bail for his appearance at the June term of the Criminal Court.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

United States District Court—Judge McCandless.

John A. Caruthers, bankrupt, city. Register's report, distributing the funds in the hands of the assignee, confirmed absolutely.

Sygman Hakes, bankrupt, Luzerne county. Order made confirming absolutely sale of real estate.

Fred. Fette, bankrupt, Warren county. Order made for taking testimony before Register Woodruff.

Annie E. Sink, bankrupt, of Butler county. Register's report as to matters contained in bill of assignee approved and decree made in accordance therewith.

Frederick Alvater, bankrupt, Allegheny city. Petition of assignee presented and order of reference made.

I. Whitt Gwinn, bankrupt, Allegheny. Hearing on the rule upon petition of James H. Hopkins, and order made allowing plaintiff to issue *sci. fa.* on certain judgments.

Glass, Neely & Co., bankrupts, city. Exception to the confirmation of the bankrupts' sale having been withdrawn, report confirmed and assignee directed to make, execute and deliver to purchasers respectively deeds for property purchased.

A. A. Devore, bankrupt, city. Order made directing assignee to pay over certain moneys to petitioning creditors.

De Souchet & Co. bankrupts, Westmoreland county. Injunction granted against Fenton, Freir & Co.

The United States vs. David Wright. The rule to show cause why certain money in the registry of the court should not be paid to Patrick Phillips was discharged.

An injunction was granted in the case of D. S. Shephard, assignee, &c., vs. George Markham.

United States vs. Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Company. The rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened in these cases having been heard, the judgments ordered to be opened, and upon trial the judgments shall be decreed *prima facia* evidence in favor of the United States.

The case of Caskey & Short vs. the steamer Hunter No. 2 was discontinued.

Common Pleas No. 1—Judge Collier.

Evan S. Jones vs. Thomas H. Devereaux. Motion made and reasons filed for a new trial *ex parte* defendant.

F. P. Loughridge & Bros. vs. D. Evans, D. F. Evans and Joseph Sell, doing business as Evans, Sell & Co.; action for damages for alleged breach of contract. Verdict for plaintiffs, $55.

John McLaughlin vs. Thomas McGowan and R. J. Connell, partners as McGowan & Connell; action for wages. On trial.

Common Pleas No. 2—Judges Ewing and White.

In the case of Britton and wife vs. Bose *et al.*, the jury found for the defendant. The material question in this case was, did the plaintiff, Mrs. Britton, accept full compensation from the defendants for all the injuries sustained? There was no doubt as to a settlement having been made, but it was alleged that Mrs. Britton, being a married woman, had no right to settle without the consent of her husband. Upon this point, the Court said that the action being in her own name and in her own right, she had the power to settle, without the express consent of her husband. Even if his consent were necessary, a power of attorney which the husband gave to her, as well as other evidence, showed that he left her to do as she pleased in the matter. The jury evidently believed the settlement was valid and binding, and found in favor of the defendants.

John Hadley vs. F. C. Negley and John Negley, doing business as F. C. Negley & Co.; action to recover on a contract. On trial before Judge Ewing.

John A. Graw vs. John Joseph Max Von Meter; action for damages to close up an alley. Verdict for plaintiff for $97.

F. P. Lough ridge vs. David McKee and John D. Hoerr; action against the defendants, landlord and constable, for damages for excessive levy for rent. On trial before Judge White.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Kirkpatrick.

Thomas P. Helman was convicted of false pretenses, on oath of Henry Maxwell, Jr., and sentenced to pay a fine of two hundred dollars and undergo imprisonment in the Workhouse one year.

Fred. Bowers, convicted of the same offense on oath of D. H. Cunningham, was fined one hundred dollars and costs and sent to the Workhouse for one year.

Commonwealth vs. John C. Dolan, indicted for assault and battery on oath of Evan E. Jones. The defendant is the Principal of the Colfax ward school, and it is alleged that while serving in that position he committed an assault and battery on George Hughes, a boy twenty years of age, the step-son of the prosecutor. The alleged assault and battery was committed with a rattan cane. It was alleged by the mother that she counted twenty-seven welts on the body of her son, as the result of the whipping. The jury found a verdict of not guilty, and divided the cost equally between Dolan and Jones.

John Daly was acquitted of larceny and receiving stolen goods, charged by Lewis Berger.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

COLONEL WILLIAM A. HERRON, Councilman from the Fourth ward, who has been quite ill for some weeks past, left the city yesterday on a trip for the benefit of his health.

THERE are several acts of Assembly providing for the arrest and punishment of persons for being drunk, as we are informed by the Mayor, now only bothering a recent deliverance of one of our Judges to the contrary.

JAMES KEARNEY, who, some sixteen months since, bit off a portion of Police Officer John L. Hager's nose, was arrested at Wheeling yesterday and brought to this city. He is now in jail awaiting trial on a charge of mayhem.

ARE all our corner-loafers at their usual place store there was burglarized on the morning of the 8th, and good worth of goods carried away. Look out for new shoes on the stamps.

JOSEPH BOYLE was arrested yesterday by Constable Doyle, on a warrant, based on charges of seduction, etc., issued by Alderman Gallings. Boyle entered bail for a hearing to-day.

THIS evening General Lander Lodge, No. 338, K. of P., of Allegheny, will pay a visit to Fort Lander Lodge will be in full uniform, as also will be delegations from Modoc Lodge, 229, and Great Western Lodge, 345.

MRS. ELIZABETH THOMPSON, of Allegheny, has entered suit for $5,000 as damages against Robert H. King and the city of Allegheny. The plaintiff, who is fifty-five years of age, fell into an open cellar way, belonging to Mr. King, and sustained a compound fracture of the knee.

A MEETING was held by the Committee on Appeals last night when exonerations and reductions were allowed the following petitioners: P. Connelly, Fourteenth ward; John Stack, Thirty-sixth ward; Fred. Bender's heirs, Fourteenth ward; Wm. Hughes and heirs of John Cox, Thirty-second ward.

THE NATION TRUST COMPANY.

Propositon to Settle With The City on Basis of forty per cent—How It was Received by the Finance Committee—An Informal Talk—The Proposition to be Presented In Writing to Councils—Proposed New Tax Levy, &c, &c.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held yesterday afternoon, Mr. Shipton in the chair. It being understood that a proposition from the Nation Trust Company in settlement of indebtedness with the city, would be presented the attendance of members of the Committee was quite large.

An ordinance providing for the exchanging of bonds was affirmatively recommended to Councils.

A number of petitions and claims were considered and appropriately referred.

THE NATION TRUST COMPANY.

Mr. B. Darlington stated that Messrs. Schoyer and Shiras, attorneys for the Nation Trust Company, were present and desired to be heard. On motion the gentlemen were invited to address the committee.

Mr. Shipton stated that this motion was entirely informal. He understood that a proposition of settlement of the indebtedness to the city was to be made. If such was the case it should be sent to Councils in writing and Councils would then send to this committee if they saw proper. On June 15th next the first payment of $104,000 was due under the compromise.

Mr. Schoyer said the interview was intended in the way of an advisory meeting. Several such had been held previous to the effecting of the late compromise.

Mr. Bigelow, City Attorney, stated that he would advise that any proposition that is to be made be made in writing. The action of this committee would be an index as to the reception of Councils.

Mr. Shiras had understood that business of this kind could be inaugurated in committee.

Mr. Bigelow thought it was proper to make their proposition to this committee, but it should be in writing, and then the attorneys could be heard on it.

AGAINST FURTHER COMPROMISE.

Mr. Shipton said he did not know what he might do as an individual member of Councils, but certainly he would not want a worse arrangement than that already made. If the gentlemen had anything better to offer, the city being badly in need of money, it would be consulted.

It was finally decided to hear the proposition and discuss it informally.

THE PROPOSITION.

Mr. Schoyer said they had come to discuss a change of arrangement of settlement with the city. When the securities for the indebtedness of the company were given they were believed to be worth in cash or nt forced sale 78 per cent. More than half the stockholders of the company refused to contribute at all, so that the main burden was left upon Mr. John Herron, who, in addition to $99,000 in securities, had paid in cash some $85,000, and Messrs. Spencer, McKay & Co., and Messrs. Dickson and Arm strong. The mortgages now in the hands of Mr. Veech provided for a forced sale ten days after default of payment June 15th, while those in the hands of Major Negley provide for sale after thirty days from such default.

The question now is, can the payment be made when due, and I regret said Mr. Schoyer, to answer that it cannot. Mr Herron has made every endeavor and cannot realize twenty five per cent.

Mr. Shipton—It was understood that the property was good.

Mr. Schoyer—So it is, but not at a forced sale in three days. In one day the city is willing to settle for cash, and give us sixty to ninety days time, we are ready to make an offer. We are personal friends of Mr. Herron, and do not wish to crush him. If you (the committee) think this any way near right, we are ready to aid in carrying it out.

To Mr. McClarran—We hope to raise the forty per cent. on mortgages, and believe we can do it, but it is impossible to raise anything near the amount due.

Mr. Shiuton—It appears to me that the city to be the sufferer in the end, other creditors. The speaker here recited the many steps and delays in this business, and went up in the fact that the city had waived its right in 1875 to the 20 per cent. that could then have been had. Finally the compromise was made and we were told that all would be right. That compromise waived interest. Now we are asked to take 40 per cent. of our claims. Mr. Shipton closed by saying he was sick and out of humor with the business.

Mr. Shiras—The next preposal will be 25 per cent.

Mr. Shiras said the city had certainly acted very handsomely. He then recited the compromise as it now stood, and said that if the first payment could not then all become due and there was no option with the trustees but to put up all the properties mortgaged and to make forced sale. The city and county are not prepared to become purchasers, and consequently seven sheriffs would be made and the amount forthcoming would be short. In case our proposition be accepted we would purchase the securities by the deposit of the property to pay the amount. The securities it must be understood are put up for the benefit of all the creditors, and none have distinctly for their benefit. We come to the city first because she is by far the largest creditor and if no settlement can be made here it would be useless to try others.

Mr. McClarran—You offer forty per cent. now or $106,059. If the securities are only worth this proportion now, how was the city to claim good for $115,000 when the compromise was made?

Mr. Shiras explained that while the securities are good they cannot be realized upon on account of the stringency of the money market as known by the fact that property could not be sold to realize the first payment due June 15th next.

To Mr. Fox—Weask sixty days time, and offer forty cents on the dollar, or something less than $200,000 cash.

Mr. Shipton—You propose to pay off the million of indebtedness at the rate of forty cents on the dollar and thus obtain the securities.

Mr. Shiras—Yes sir.

To Mr. Fox—There are equity proceedings pending to compel stockholders who have refused to bear their share, but with the exception of very few of them little can be obtained. Many had paid more than their property mortgaged for debts other than those of the company.

Mr. Shipton—Our attorney insists that we should have the proposition in writing and limited in time presented to Councils at the meeting next Monday week.

In answer to question from a member, Mr. Shiras said they had assumed the matter up and could not do better than forty per cent.

The subject was then dropped and Messrs. Schoyer and Shiras retired.

A resolution was adopted providing for the transfer of $20,000 from the Water Extension fund to the Fire Department fund, said amount having been borrowed from the latter in 1873.

The following was also introduced:

Resolved, That our members of the Legislature be and they are hereby urgently requested to use every effort to secure the passage of the bill now before the Legislature, for the indebtedness to the amount of $20,000, to provide for the completion of the new water works.

SPECIAL ACT TO WATER WORKS TAX.

Also, the following:

WHEREAS, Owing to the recent report of the Committee of the House of Representatives upon the subject of the increase of indebtedness by the city of Pittsburgh for the purpose of finishing the new water works, it is not probable that the authority asked for will not be granted; and Whereas, since all the contracts have been made, and it is now absolutely necessary that the new water works should be completed, and that it will be necessary to supply the same for said purpose, therefore

Resolved, That the City Attorney shall be and he is hereby instructed to prepare for the committee an ordinance authorizing an additional tax levy of three mills upon the assessed valuation of all property, real and personal, within the corporate limits of the city, for the purpose of meeting the estimates for work done in the completion of the new Water works.

The Controller presented an application from ex-Civil Engineer Isaac Morley, for the return of his bond.

It was decided to hold the bond for the present.

Adjourned.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Literary Contest Last Evening.

The ninth annual contest between the Irving and Philomathean Societies of the Western University was held, last evening, at the First Presbyterian Church, a large and appreciative audience nearly filling the auditorium. Mr. O. H. Clark, of the Irving, presided with ease and dignity.

The strain of eager attention with which the contestants were listened to, was most delightfully relieved by exhibitions of Mr. Charles Mellor's mastery of the magnificent organ in his charge.

After prayer by Rev. S. F. Scnour, the declamations were pronounced, "The Polish Boy" having been selected by Mr. A. J. Duff, of the Irving Society, and "Antony and Cleopatra," by Mr. T. W. Lloyd, of the Philomathean. The essays were read by Mr. F. L. Neeld, of the Philomathean, and Mr. F. P. Cawood, of the Irving. The latter was declining years, entitled "Human Mutabilities," and "Our Country's Future." Orations and "Our Country's Future." Orations and "Our Country's Future." Orations